



Beach! Beach! Beach!

Hello beach operators,

New this year **is a proposed amendment** to the bathing beaches regulation. Expected to be in effect by June 2014 and for beaches with a history of infrequent and transient elevated bacteria levels, a posting will now be required after two samples collected on consecutive days show elevated bacteria levels. This amendment will result in far fewer postings on days that beach waters actually meet water quality standards and provide protection of public health for beaches deemed to present a greater risk. Unless you hear otherwise, assume your beach is eligible.

Please check on and refresh your permanent water quality signs. The following information shall be on each sign:

- Dates of operation of the bathing beach;
- Contact information for the beach operator;
- Permit number; and
- Date range during which monitoring is **not** conducted.

If you have been approved for surrogate sampling, you are still required to have water quality signs at your beach access points and follow the same closure requirements of the beach in which you have designated as a surrogate sampling point. **The application and fee still applies.** The following semi-public beaches have approval for surrogate sampling:

- Old Mill Point Association – Sea Way Beach to designate Pleasant Rd. Beach (147m)
- Inn on the Beach – 16 Bank St to designate Bank Street Beach (60.6m)
- Pleasant Park Circle Beach to designate Bucks Pond Beach (94m)
- Allen Harbor Beach Association – to designate Brooks Road Beach (~135 meters)
- Winstead Inn & Beach Resort – 4 Braddock Lane to designate Bank Street Beach (88.7m)

Please return the enclosed application with your permit application fee once you have contracted with the County (or another lab), if applicable. ***Also enclose your beach closure protocol even if you have a surrogate sampling point.***

Let's hope for a quick start to the summer and a long summer season! Please contact the Department (508-430-7509) if you have any questions.

Regards,
Amy Morris
Health Agent



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Board of Health**

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Application for Permit to Operate a Bathing Beach

Date of Application: _____

Beach Name: _____

Address/Location of Beach: _____

Water Body: _____

Dates of Operation of Beach: From _____ to _____

Person in Charge (PIC) for Correspondence/Permitting: _____

Operator Name / Address (as posted on sign): PIC Name / Title / Address / email (for mailings):

Operator Phone Number (as posted on sign): PIC Phone Number (for exceedences):

(h) _____ (c) _____

Sampling Frequency (if not weekly, please explain): _____

Who is responsible for water testing and analysis? _____

Are Field Data Forms completed in full for each sampling event? _____

Has Board of Health received timely notification of any exceedences / closures? _____

Is beach approved for surrogate sampling? YES / NO If yes, designated beach? _____

I have separately attached our beach closure protocol. YES / NO

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Does this beach meet the criteria set forth in 105 CMR 445.000? YES / NO (**circle one**)

Closure protocol attached? YES / NO

APPROVED / DENIED (**circle one**) If Denied, Reason: _____

Board of Health Member/Agent: _____

Permit granted on _____ and expires on _____, pending submittal
of a renewal application at least 30 days prior to expiration.

Permit Number: _____ \$50 Fee Collected: _____